State-Issued Clarification for Negotiated Bid ASA-17-107

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Several media outlets have reported that the State of Indiana is purchasing and distributing over 5,000 units of naloxone to agencies across the state. These stories are incorrect. The state is establishing a quantity purchasing agreement for naloxone or Narcan that would allow qualified entities to purchase those products at a rate established by the contract. The state itself is not purchasing the products for distribution.

The language in the bid announcement states:

The State intends to establish one or multiple statewide Quantity Purchase Agreements for Naloxone and Narcan Nasal Spray products for purchase, as needed. It is anticipated that the term of each contract will be for a period of one (1) year from the date of contract execution. There may be three one-year renewals for a total of four (4) years at the State's option. Contract pricing will remain firm for the duration of the initial contract term and will be reviewed on an annual basis, in conjunction with annual renewal periods.

The numbers cited in the bid -- 2,700 units of naloxone syringes and 5,400 nasal atomizers – are historical numbers only for reference that indicate a base quantity of purchase expected during the contract. The state is not restocking and distributing these units, but instead calling for pricing on these products at the listed unit number. The process for this bid announcement is a standard practice and does not deviate from any other contracts conducted by the Indiana Department of Administration.

Below is a breakdown in the timeline of key dates for this specific bid:

Activity	Date
Issue of Bid	May 15, 2017
Deadline to Submit Written Questions	May 22, 2017
Response to Written Questions	May 29, 2017*
Submission of Intent to Bid Forms	June 5, 2017*
Submission of Proposals	June 12, 2017*
Award Recommendation	Week of July 3, 2017*

For additional questions relating to the bidding process for this QPA, please contact Ben Kenney, bekenney@idoa.in.gov, with the Indiana Department of Administration.